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## Transformational Workforce Legislation Championed by Speaker Sprowls Signed into Law

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (June 24, 2021)** — Florida House Speaker Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor said workforce legislation signed into law today will transform the way Floridians get a job, pursue job training and prepare themselves for future careers.

“No longer will Floridians be trapped in the vestiges of an antiquated, one-size-fits-all workforce system that forces them into a bureaucratic maze of hoops to jump through,” said Speaker Sprowls. “We’ve worked with educators, employers, and industry leaders to provide a 21<sup>st</sup> century solution for job seekers. It shouldn’t be so hard to find work – and won’t be any longer. On behalf of Florida’s students, workers, job seekers and taxpayers, thank you to Governor DeSantis, Representatives Yarborough and Melo, Senate President Simpson and our Senate partners for making the difficult job search process easier.”

The legislation sponsored by Representatives Clay Yarborough, R-Jacksonville, and Lauren Melo, R-Naples, passed both chambers of the legislature unanimously and was signed into law today by Governor DeSantis.

It creates a consumer-first workforce system that eliminates barriers created by siloed bureaucracies and meets Florida’s students, workers and job seekers where they are, to find long-lasting careers that meet their interests and goals. A central system will make it easier for consumers to access services and career planning, and register for job training.

“Floridians deserve a workforce system that works for them,” said Representative Yarborough. “This law unifies a fragmented education, training and job search process into a single easy-to-access system that is accountable for meeting actual outcome standards.”

“We have an obligation to taxpayers to provide a system that prepares them for the job market and this bill does that,” said Representative Melo. “We will have a system that will ensure equity and access to jobs that promote upward mobility.”

Students will be provided with career planning resources as they progress along their educational experience so they are aware of different options available to them.

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